

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph number [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of PCT International Patent Application No. ~~PCT/EP/02/043033~~ PCT/EP02/03033, filed on March 15, 2002, designating the United States of America, and published, in English, as PCT International Publication No. WO 02/074804 A2 on September 26, 2002, the contents of which is incorporated by this reference.